

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

: 1742

Customer No. 035811

Docket No.: 1356-01

Confirmation No.: 8759

Examiner Serial No. : Deborah Yee : 10/016,543

Filed Inventor : December 11, 2001 : Yoshihiro Yazawa

: Mineo Muraki

: Yoshihiro Ozaki

: Kunio Fukuda : Atsushi Miyazaki : Yasushi Katoh

Title

: FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET FOR

: FUEL TANK AND FUEL PIPE AND METHOD

: FOR MAKING THE SAME

Dated: March 15, 2004

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 20, 2004, Applicants amend the Application as follows:

mage Image

 $\mathcal{T}_{1}.$

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

: 1742

Customer No. 035811

Docket No.: 1356-01

Confirmation No.: 8759

Serial No.

: Deborah Yee : 10/016,543

Filed

: December 11, 2001

Inventor

: Yoshihiro Yazawa

: Mineo Muraki

: Yoshihiro Ozaki

: Kunio Fukuda : Atsushi Miyazaki : Yasushi Katoh

Title

: FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET FOR

: FUEL TANK AND FUEL PIPE AND METHOD

: FOR MAKING THE SAME

Dated: March 15, 2004

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8

For

Postcard Amendment Transmittal Letter, in duplicate Amendment

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

> Name of Applicant, Assignee, Applicant's Attorney or Registered Representative:

> > Piper Rudnick LLP Customer No. 035811

By:	19	
Date:	15 MAR 2004	

MAR 1 7 2004 P.

Attorney Docket No.: 1356-01

In 🕏 Application of Yoshihiro Yazawa et al.

Serial No.:

10/016,543

Filed:

December 11, 2001

For:

FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET FOR FUEL TANK AND FUEL PIPE AND

METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- __ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- <u>x</u> No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)

(Col. 2) (Col. 3)

SMALL ENTITY

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER		HIGHEST NO. PRE- VIOUSLY	PRESENT	
	AMENDMENT		PAID FOR	EXTRA	
TOTAL	* 4		** 20=	0	
INDEP.	* 1	-	** 3=	0	
First presentation of multiple dependent claim					

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x 9=	\$
x43=	\$
+145=	\$

OR

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x18=	\$
x86=	\$
+290=	\$

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE

\$0 <u>OR</u>

\$

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

_	A duplicate copy of this sheet is	enclosed.	_'
	A shools in the amount of \$	is attached	

- A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees <u>X</u> associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 - Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims. <u>X</u>
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 with the <u>X</u> exception of the Issue Fee which we intend to pay by check.

T. Daniel Christenbury

Reg. No. 31,750

Attorney for Applicant(s)

TDC:ks (215)656-3381